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SUBJECT: US PARTICIPATION IN COMMEMORATION OF THIRTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHALL PLAN

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1. WE ARE SATISFIED WITH SCENARIO FOR JUNE 2-3 MARSHALL
PLAN COMMEMORATION CONFERENCE. THE FUTURE-ORIENTED NATURE
OF THE CONFERENCE, AS INDICATED BY THE PAPERS BEING PREPARED
FOR DISCUSSION AT THE CONFERENCE, IS ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE.
USIA IS WORKING WITH LINCOLN GORDON ON SUGGESTIONS FOR
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SUITABLE PANELISTS (TWO PER PAPER) TO LEAD OFF THE DISCUS-
SION OF THE PAPERS. JUDICIOUS CHOICE OF DISCUSSANTS WOULD
BE AN APPROPRIATE MEANS TO INTRODUCE NEW AND YOUNGER
PLAYERS TO THE GAME. -

2. WE ARE NOT CONTEMPLATING ANY OTHER OFFICIAL EVENT IN
CONNECTION WITH THE CONFERENCE, GIVEN SECRETARY GENERAL

VAN LENNEP'S LATEST PROPOSAL FOR A JUNE 22-24 IEA/OECD MINISTERIAL. (THE CIEC MINISTERIAL, HOWEVER, WILL BE HELD IN PARIS JUST PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE.) SENATOR HUMPHREY AND CONGRESSMEN FINDLEY, FRASER, WRIGHT AND ZABLOCKI WERE CONSIDERING INTRODUCING A JOINT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO COMMEMORATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHALL PLAN, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAS INDICATED THAT THEIR PROPOSAL MIGHT OVERLAP THE JUNE 2-3 CONFERENCE. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHO THE SENIOR USG REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE.

3. WE HAVE CONSULTED, AND ARE CONTINUING TO CONSULT, WITH LINCOLN GORDON RE PERSONS TO BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. FROM THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WE SUGGEST SENATORS BIDEN, GLENN, GRIFFIN, SARBANES AND STONE; FROM THE SENATE BANKING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES SENATORS HART, HEINZ, LUGAR, MORGAN, AND SCHMITT; AND FROM THE EUROPE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE CONGRESSMEN FINDLEY, HAMILTON, PEASE, STUDDS AND SOLARZ. IT MIGHT ALSO BE APPROPRIATE TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO THOSE SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN MENTIONED IN PARA (2) ABOVE. THE NEW AID ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD BE INVITED. IT WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN, BOTH OF WHOM WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE MARSHALL PLAN EARLY IN THEIR CAREERS. USIA WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH LINCOLN GORDON WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS.

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